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SUBJECT: 1970 AGREEMENT SCIENCE PROGRAM: REMNANT FUNDS
AND REPROGRAMMING

REF: (A) MADRID 09519, (B) STATE 288569

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE STATUS OF FUNDS UNOBLIGATED UNDER
THE 1970 AGREEMENT WHICH WERE ALLOCATED TO THE SPANISH
MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION, AND THE DIRECTOR-
ATE GENERAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PLUS THE NSF FUND FOR PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION (PD&C) AND THE UNEXPENDED
BALANCE IN THE COURTESY TRAVEL SERVICE CONTRACT:

2. AGRICULTURE	\$150,300
EDUCATION AND SCIENCE	396,425

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PUBLIC HEALTH	86,179
PD&C	11,372
CTS CONTRACT	6,908
TOTAL	\$651,184

3. THE CTS BALANCE IS ESTIMATED SINCE THE EXACT COST OF

SEVERAL RECENT TRIPS BY U.S. AND SPANISH OCEANOGRAPHERS IS NOT YET KNOWN. THE ESTIMATED COST HAS BEEN SUBTRACTED FROM

THE ACCOUNT, RESULTING IN THE FIGURE GIVEN.

4. AS YOU RECALL DURING NSF STAFF VISIT TO SPAIN LAST OCTOBER A REQUEST WAS MADE TO RETURN THE REMNANT FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. NSF DRAFTED REPLIES TO NOTAS VERBALES NO. 323 OF AUGUST 6, 1976 AND NO. 362 OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1976, TWO MONTHS AGO, WITH A FULL AND FINAL ACCOUNTING OF THE STATUS OF FUNDS FOR MES PROJECTS. THESE DRAFT TEXTS AND TABULAR MATERIALS WERE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON NOVEMBER 11, 1976, AND A SEPARATE SET WAS FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY-MADRID. HOWEVER, AT THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE NOT SURE IF THESE REMNANT FUNDS CAN BE RETURNED TO STATE FOR RE-USE BECAUSE OF TECHNICALITIES ARISING FROM THE AGREEMENT WITH AID THROUGH WHICH THE FUNDS WERE ORIGINALLY TRANSFERRED TO STATE. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER STATE CAN RE-USE THESE FUNDS OR WOULD HAVE TO RETURN THEM TO AID, WE NEED RESPONSE TO REF. B.

---- BECAUSE OF PROBLEM CITED ABOVE WE ARE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO NOTA VERBALE NUMBER 323 OF AUGUST 6, 1976 AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, WE DO AUTHORIZE YOU TO RESPOND TO SPANISH NOTA VERBALE NO. 362 USING THE DRAFT RESPONSE WITH ONE CHANGE, AND THE SUPPORTING DATA ALREADY FORWARDED

TO YOU. THE CHANGE IS TO DELETE ON THE TOP OF PAGE 5 UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SENTENCE "THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE XXXXXX OF AUGUST 6, 1976." YOU SHOULD ALSO FURNISH TO THE SPANISH, THE SUPPORTING MATERIAL WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THE DRAFT RESPONSE TO SPANISH NOTA VERBALE NO. 323.

5. ALSO DURING THE OCTOBER STAFF VISITS THE DECISION WAS MADE JOINTLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF NSF, AMERICAN AMBASSY MADRID, AND SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THAT THE REMNANT FUNDS FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD BE OBLIGATED IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS AFTER NSF RECEIVES PROPOSALS FROM THE U.S. COUNTERPART INSTITUTIONS. THESE PROPOSALS ARE AT PRESENT IN PREPARATION, AND THEY SHOULD USE UP THE REMAINING FUNDS UNDER THOSE TWO PROJECT AREAS.

6. NSF WILL THEN STILL BE HOLDING A BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$18,300 IN THE FUND FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION AND THE CTS ACCOUNT. THIS AMOUNT WILL

BE RETAINED BY NSF TO SUPPORT TRAVEL FOR PROGRAM PURPOSES
AS STATED IN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS 0A20 AND 0A54. IT IS

EXPECTED THAT THE TOTALITY OF THIS BALANCE WILL BE RE-
QUIRED BY NSF IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE SITE VISITS
AND PROJECT EVALUATIONS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE THE FINAL
TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE 1974 AND 1975 PROGRAM, AND
THEREBY TO FULFILL ITS FINAL RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER
SAID AGREEMENTS.
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